

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim Amendment Summary

Claims pending

- Before this Amendment: Claims 1-4
- After this Amendment: Claims 5-12

Non-Elected, Canceled, or Withdrawn claims: 1-4

Amended claims: None

New claims: 5-12

Claims:

1-4 (Canceled)

5. (New) A method for providing multimedia message between an originator terminal and a receiver terminal, comprising steps of:

receiving selection of more than one avatar images for each subscriber;

receiving transmission data including a text message from said originator terminal;

obtaining, from said transmission data, an originator terminal identifier and an receiver terminal identifier;

obtaining avatar image for the originator by looking up information database using said originator terminal identifier;

defining a predetermined avatar message area;

converting said text message into a message image, wherein the size of said message image is smaller than said avatar message area;

obtaining a single image by combining said avatar image and said message image with letting said message image matched into said avatar message area;

creating a multimedia message by combining sound data and said single image, wherein said sound data is synchronized with said single image;

obtaining profile information for said receiver terminal by looking up information database using said receiver terminal identifier;

determining whether said receiver terminal has capabilities of receiving, processing and displaying said multimedia message in a message format with referring to said profile information; and

providing said multimedia message to said receiver terminal, which comprising: (1) if said receiver terminal is determined to have said capabilities, transmitting said multimedia message to said receiver terminal in a message format; (2) if said receiver terminal is determined to have capability of displaying but lack of capabilities of receiving and processing, placing said multimedia message at a specific location on a mobile communication network, reconstructing said text message to include access information to said specific location, and transmitting said reconstructed text message to said receiver terminal, thus providing said multimedia message to browsing means of said receiver terminal when said browsing means accesses said specific location; and (3) if said receiver terminal is determined to lack of said capability of displaying, transmitting said text message to said receiver terminal.

6. (New) The method of providing multimedia message according to claim 5, further comprising a step of downloading the avatar image to the receiving terminal unit in response to a request from the receiving terminal unit.

7. (New) The method of providing multimedia message according to claim 5, further comprising steps of, when said obtained avatar image are plural, obtaining tag information from said transmission data, and selecting a unique avatar image for said originator from said plural avatar images with referring to said tag information, wherein said sole avatar image is used for said text message.

8. (New) The method of providing multimedia message according to claim 7, further comprising a step of downloading the avatar image to the receiving terminal unit in response to a request from the receiving terminal unit.

9. (New) A computer-readable medium for storing a program for implementing a method of providing multimedia message, comprising computer-readable instructions for:

receiving selection of more than one avatar images for each subscriber;

receiving transmission data including a text message from said originator terminal;

obtaining, from said transmission data, an identifier of said originator terminal (hereinafter referred to as "an originator terminal identifier") and an

identifier of said receiver terminal (hereinafter referred to as "an receiver terminal identifier");

obtaining avatar image for the originator by looking up information database using said originator terminal identifier;

defining a predetermined message area for said obtained avatar image (hereinafter referred to as "avatar message area");

converting said text message into a message image, wherein the size of said message image is smaller than said avatar message area;

obtaining a single image by combining said avatar image and said message image with letting said message image matched into said avatar message area;

creating a multimedia message by combining sound data and said single image, wherein said sound data is synchronized with said single image;

obtaining profile information for said receiver terminal by looking up information database using said receiver terminal identifier;

determining whether said receiver terminal has capabilities of receiving, processing and displaying said multimedia message in a message format with referring to said profile information; and

providing said multimedia message to said receiver terminal, which comprising: (1) if said receiver terminal is determined to have said capabilities, transmitting said multimedia message to said receiver terminal in a message format; (2) if said receiver terminal is determined to have capability of displaying but lack of capabilities of receiving and processing, placing said multimedia message at a specific location on a mobile communication network,

reconstructing said text message to include access information to said specific location, and transmitting said reconstructed text message to said receiver terminal, thus providing said multimedia message to browsing means of said receiver terminal when said browsing means accesses said specific location; and (3) if said receiver terminal is determined to lack of said capability of displaying, transmitting said text message to said receiver terminal.

10. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, further comprising computer-executable instructions for a step of downloading the avatar image to the receiving terminal unit in response to a request from the receiving terminal unit.

11. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, further comprising computer-executable instructions for the steps of, when said obtained avatar image are plural, obtaining tag information from said transmission data, and selecting a unique avatar image for said originator from said plural avatar images with referring to said tag information, wherein said sole avatar image is used for said text message.

12. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising computer-executable instructions for a step of downloading the avatar image to the receiving terminal unit in response to a request from the receiving terminal unit.